

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC#

240-2014

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

July 16, 2014

SUBJECT: CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH RESOLUTION

Attached for your information is Resolution No. 2014-2250, which was passed by the City of Sunny Isles Beach on June 19, 2014.

A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, Urging The Miami-Dade County Board Of Commissioners To Restore Full Funding To The Entire Miami-Dade Public Library System; Providing The City Manager With The Authority To Do All Things Necessary To Effectuate This Resolution; Providing For An Effective Date.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305-673-7411.

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2.2.50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING TO THE ENTIRE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM; PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Public Library Advisory Board is assigned to serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission with respect to all matters pertaining to the Miami-Dade Public Library System as well as to serve as a member of Mayor Carlos Gimenez's Blue Ribbon Task Force to study the future of the Miami-Dade Public Library System; and

WHEREAS, as part of their responsibilities and duties, the Task Force convened and determined that the best course of action on behalf of the Public Library System was for the Task Force and the County to formulate and adopt a short-term funding plan for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 with the goal of funding the System's operating budget to levels prior to the downturn in the economy; and

WHEREAS, while the City Commission is aware of the current funding crisis faced by the Public Library System, they are encouraged and optimistic by an improved economy and the prospects for a return to a stabilized and strong economy thereby allowing for the restoration of full funding for the Public Library System; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Public Library System is comprised of forty-nine branches which services over 2.5 million residents as well as approximately 8 million visitors throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, a healthy public library system promotes literacy and cultural appreciation and fosters a more knowledgeable and educated society; and

WHEREAS, with the reduction of funding to the Public Library System and the closures, down-sizing or reconfigurations of the Public Library System many children, teens and adults within all Miami-Dade County municipalities have been turned away from a place of learning and have thus suffered greatly; and

WHEREAS, since a recent survey by the Task Force has shown that a significant number of Miami-Dade County residents support the library system and are willing to pay to maintain a better level of service in the Public Library System, the City Commission believes that a sustainable financial plan with the restoration of full funding for the Public Library System is in the best interest of all the residents of the City.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Recitals</u>. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Support. The City of Sunny Isles Beach Commission hereby urges the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners to restore full funding to the entire Miami-Dade Public Library System. The City Commission encourages all municipalities to support and enact similar resolutions in each of their cities.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Transmittal.</u> The City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit this resolution to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners and to the municipalities within Miami-Dade County.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Authority of the City Manager</u>. The City Manager is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to effect this Resolution.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June 2014.

Norman S. Edelcup, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane A. Hines, City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SHIFTICIENCY:

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Moved by:

Seconded by: Commissionse Scho

## Vote: 5-0

| Mayor Edelcup       | <u></u> ✓(Yes) | (No) |
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| Vice Mayor Aelion   | <u></u> ✓(Yes) | (No) |
| Commissioner Gatto  | V(Yes)         | (No) |
| Commissioner Levin  | (Yes)          | (No) |
| Commissioner Scholl | <u>✓</u> (Yes) | (No) |